

Minutes
Judicial Education Committee Meeting
June 14, 2002
National City Center, 4th Floor Conference Room

1. Committee members present:

Bruce Embrey, (Chair), Christopher Burnham, Bob Freese, Ted Todd, Earl Penrod, Douglas Morton, Margret Robb, Bill Hughes, Ted Boehm, Barbara Collins.

2. Staff present:

Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, Jane Seigel, and Anne Jordan provided staff support.

3. Minutes:

The minutes from the meeting on April 26, 2002, were approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

a. Judicial College. Earl Penrod handed out the proposed announcement of the Masters' level course. He advised that the committee is working on a survey to send to judges regarding subject matter for the Master's Level course for the September conference.

It was agreed that the subcommittee would finalize the announcement and the survey and distribute them. Discussion was had on what kind of writing qualifies for the writing sample requirement.

b. Orientation. Vicki Davis reported the Pre-Bench orientation program is planned. The subcommittee plans a conference call to finalize the program for the General orientation.

c. Faculty Development. Bill Hughes reported on the conference call held on May 31 and the tentative meeting scheduled for June 28. The subcommittee will look at manuals from other states and from the National Judicial College. Judge Hughes also reported that he is interested in a contingency of judges/IJC staff/ Probation officers/ State Court Administration staff attending the Leadership Institute or bringing the Institute to Indiana.

d. Technology. Chris Burnham reported that JTAC is busy with the Case management system, and the Supreme Court is implementing guidelines for Court technology. The subcommittee would like to develop a distance-learning library of educational materials, including videos, DVDs, and computer-based programs. This is not intended as CLE. Judge Burnham will talk to Kurt Snyder to see that this can be incorporated into what JTAC is doing.

5. September Conference.

The tentative agenda was distributed and discussed. Justice Breyer is unable to attend, but Justice Boehm agreed to contact him about coming for this conference in 2003. We will ask Judge Gregg to sing the National Anthem to open the conference, and have invited Dr. Will Miller to make the keynote presentation. On Thursday morning, the focus will be on the new jury rules. The Judicial Administration Committee will be asked to prepare an Executive Summary that we can distribute prior to the conference. On Friday, there will be a breakfast buffet and closing session (but no traveler's buffet lunch).

6. Winter Conference.

The proposed agenda was distributed and discussed. The topic is "Violence in the American Culture." There will be a plenary session followed by concurrent 2 ½ to 3 hour workshops. It was suggested that we invite a lunch speaker to address the drug and alcohol elements that are common to each workshop; and the innovative judicial responses to these. Other workshop suggestions included substance abuse and mental health and how they affect violence; tools for the judge to use when dealing with conflict resolution, especially in domestic law cases.

7. Next Meeting:

Friday, August 9, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
(Subcommittees: 10:00 am- noon)

Respectfully submitted,

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